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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 10-031694 published February 3, 1998 together with an English language abstract;
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 09-185657 published July 15, 1997 together with an English language abstract;
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2001-344338 published December 14, 2001 together with an English language abstract;

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2002-092164 published March 29, 2002 together with an English language abstract;

5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 2002-236744 published August 23, 2002 together with an English language abstract;

6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 09-245093 published September 19, 1997 together with an English language abstract; and

7. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP 09-044566 published February 14, 1997 together with an English language abstract.

The references listed above were cited in 2 (two) Official Actions dated June 2, 2009 received from the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Japanese Patent Application Nos. JP 2003-305571 and JP 2003-305572, a copy of each of which are enclosed herewith. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the references has been described in the Office Actions.

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